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DELAWARE'S PERSONAL INCOME TAX SEASON BEGINS

Statewide, DE – January 16, 2009 – Division of Revenue Director Patrick T. Carter announced today that Delaware will kick off its 2008 state tax season this Tuesday, January 20th, with the availability of both EFile through the IRS and Delaware's online Personal Income Tax (PIT) filing system.

"Online filing is beneficial to both citizens and to the state, especially this year," Carter said. "On average, taxpayers who file online requesting a refund will receive it two weeks earlier than if mailed to us. There is also a decrease in processing costs for the State and errors when someone files online which, during these challenging economic times, benefits everyone."

Delaware is one of only a few states to offer internet filing at no cost through the State's website. Since its inception in 1999, Delaware's online tax-filing system has experienced a steady 5% growth each year. Last year over 55% of Delaware taxpayers filed their returns via the internet. Revenue expects this number to continue to grow this year.

"Filing online is safe and convenient," Carter said. "It is a useful tool for all parties and it is the fastest method to get refunds back to taxpayers. As a result, we hope it will become the norm for how all people submit their tax returns in the future."

Because Delaware does not maintain reciprocity agreements with other states, it is important for anyone who is not a Delaware resident, but works in Delaware to understand that they must file a Delaware tax return. Likewise, Delaware Residents who work out of state are required to file returns with Delaware, in addition to the state where they worked.

Delaware taxpayers should receive their W-2 employment forms by January 31, 2009. By law, all W-2s must be received by January 31st. Anyone who does not receive a W-2 before January 31st for any job worked during calendar year 2008 should contact their employer.

Online filing for Delaware taxes is available free-of-charge at www.delaware.gov.

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